

1       the recorder A at the separation point C, or, if appropriate, by sliding it upward from the  
2       small end of the recorder without separating. The ring 1 is then slid onto the shaft of the  
3       mouth piece B of the recorder 1 at the end that attaches to the fingering piece D of the  
4       recorder A. The ring 1 will slip onto the mouth piece B and then lodge at a point up the  
5       shaft between the fingering holes and the mouth piece due to an increase in the  
6       circumference of the shaft.

7           In the present description numerous details have been set forth in order to provide a  
8       more thorough understanding of the present invention. It will be obvious, however, to one  
9       skilled in the art that the present invention may be practiced without these specific details.  
10          In other instances, well known features have not been described in detail in order to not  
11       obscure unnecessarily the present invention.

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#### CLAIMS

The invention claimed is:

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6. (Amended) A method for suspending a recorder from [the] a neck of a user

2 using a device that comprises a strap and a ring attached to the strap, the recorder  
3 comprising a lower section and an upper section joined at a juncture point, the recorder  
4 having a distal end belonging to the lower section and proximate end belonging to the upper  
5 section, the recorder further having a mouthpiece at the proximate end, the upper section  
6 having a diameter that increases gradually from the juncture point to the mouthpiece, the  
7 ring having an inner diameter larger than the diameter of the upper section at the juncture  
8 point, the inner diameter further being smaller than the diameter of the upper section at the  
9 mouth piece, the method comprising the steps of:

10 suspending the strap from the neck of the user;

11 pulling the recorder apart at the juncture point, thereby separating the lower section  
12 from the upper section;

13 then inserting through the ring an end of the upper section that corresponds to the  
14 juncture point and is opposite to the proximate end;

15 then sliding the ring towards the mouthpiece, the ring thereby becoming lodged; and  
16 then reconnecting the lower and upper sections at the juncture point[; and  
17 then releasing the recorder].